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For: **HYDRAULICALLY DRIVEN VEHICLE**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed along with a Request for Continued Examination. Please further amend this patent application and favorably consider the applicant's remarks as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.